

Chilling warning from cops hunting deranged

RED-LIGHT NUTTER COULD KILL AGAIN

Fears grow as frenzied killer of teen hooker is on the loose

THE CRAZED killer who butchered teen prostitute Sinead Kelly could strike again.

And gardai are desperate to find a mystery caller who rang RIE with several personal details about tragic Sinead before officers even had a positive identification of the body.

The man called the station's press office nine hours after heroin addict Sinead was brutally murdered before 1.00am last Monday by Dublin's Grand Canal.

The caller, who rang at 10.30am and again 10.55am, was able to give Sinead's full name, address and telephone number.

Pleaded

Detective Superintendent PJ Browne, leading the hunt for the killer, pleaded with the anonymous man to come forward.

"It's crucial that we speak to this man as soon as possible. He can be assured of confidentiality," he said.

A garda alert was issued the day before Sinead was knifed to death following a vicious Sunday morning attack on another prostitute. The victim was battered with an iron bar and left with two broken wrists.

A source said: "We feared the worst after that assault, but we couldn't believe it would come so soon." Gardai have a number of suspects in mind for Sinead's murder and have several theories as to why it happened.

One is that the killer is a serial attacker who gets his twisted kicks from attacking vulnerable prostitutes and will strike again.

Sinead (19) was fatally stabbed at Herbert Place on the banks of the canal - the same spot where the previous

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night's attack took place.

In fact the *Sunday World* has learned that blood from both prostitutes was found at the death scene.

Gardai are worried that there is a deranged killer at loose such was the frenzied nature of the murder.

Sinead was stabbed 14 times, once in the heart. She was left mutilated, with knife wounds all over her body.

She was discovered with her eyes wide open, locked in a horrific "death stare".

The dead girl from Old town Avenue, Santry, North Dublin, was heard screaming in painful terror as the killer repeatedly plunged the knife into her.

Supt John Mc Loughlin said gardai went to the canal after receiving a call reporting a woman in distress at 12.50am on Monday.

Officers were on the scene within minutes but Sinead was already dead.

Addiction

Tragic Sinead worked the streets to feed her chronic heroin addiction. She did not have a pimp.

She continued to sell her young body despite having being raped by a punter months earlier.

Gardai believe the killer made his way to Baggot Street bridge after killing Sinead on the canal bank.

Between 12.45am and 12.50am the suspect met a heavy set man and ran away from him. The suspect was wearing a leather or shiny jacket.



LAI'D TO REST. Murdered prostitute Sinead Kelly was buried in Dublin yesterday. Her killer remains at large.

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Officers are anxious to speak to the heavy set man and to a taxi driver who picked up another man nearby at about 12.55am.

Sinead often peddled small amounts of heroin to earn more money to buy the drugs she so desperately craved.

Another theory is that she may have owed a dealer money and he turned nasty.

Gardai are still searching for the murder weapon and drained parts to the canal in their search.

Yesterday morning

Sinead was buried in Dardistown Cemetery near Dublin airport. Among the many wreaths was one from her mother Mary saying: "You brought joy and laughter into our lives, Sinead. We were lucky to know you."

Another floral tribute came from close friends and simply said: "Those who love you will never forget you. Your buddies."

Anyone with information can call the confidential Garda phone line at 1800 606111 or Harcourt Terrace at Dublin 6763481.

SECOND PROSTITUTE MURDER IN 18 MONTHS

SINEAD Kelly is the second prostitute to die at the hands of a frenzied killer inside the space of 18 months.

On December 29, 1996, Sri Lankan-born vice girl Belinda Pereira was murdered in her brothel flat near Dublin's Ha'penny Bridge.

The pretty 21-year-old was beaten about the head with a claw hammer and left with horrific injuries.

Belinda, who operated a £150-an-hour sex service, worked the upmarket end of the vice trade, while Sinead walked the beat, charging clients just enough to get her next heroin fix.

Belinda also had a drug problem and spent much of her earnings on cocaine. In the end both girls died servicing their addictions.

Garda have hunted in vain for Belinda's killer and the inquest into her death has been postponed while the search continues.

One suspect, a pimp, fled Ireland shortly after the murder and is understood to be in England. The weapon used to kill Belinda has never been found, despite extensive searches.

Belinda had an extensive client list, including several blank managers, and she kept a detailed diary of her punters' appointments.

Numerous men were questioned following her murder, much to their embarrassment.